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The method of claim 39, wherein at least a portion of the foam layer that is chemically embossed is not mechanically embossed.--

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 25, 26 and 33-46 are currently pending. Applicants have canceled claims 23 and 24, and amended claim 33. Applicants have also added claims 39-46 to more precisely define their invention. Support for new claims 39-46 can be found in claims 23-26 and 35-38, as well as in the specification at page 9 line 8 to page 10, line 2. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

II. Discussion

Applicants thank Examiner Kuhns for the courtesies extended during the interview held with their representatives, Louis Troilo and Jeremy Stipkala, on February 16, 2000. As discussed during the interview, the prior art does not teach or suggest the claimed invention.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request further examination of the present application and claims, and timely allowance thereof.

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